



## Abbreviations and Acronyms

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<b>A/C</b>	Aircraft
<b>AM</b>	Amplitude Modulation
<b>AMVER</b>	Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue
<b>AOR</b>	Area of Responsibility
<b>ATC</b>	Air Traffic Control
<b>ATON</b>	Aids To Navigation
<b>C</b>	Course
<b>C</b>	Coverage Factor
<b>C/C</b>	Cabin Cruiser
<b>CO</b>	Commanding Officer
<b>COLREGS</b>	International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
<b>CS</b>	Call Sign
<b>CS</b>	Creeping Line Search
<b>CSC</b>	Creeping Line Search - Coordinated
<b>CSP</b>	Commence Search Point
<b>DF</b>	Direction Finding
<b>DGPS</b>	Differential Global Positioning System
<b>DIW</b>	Dead In The Water
<b>DMB</b>	Datum Marker Buoy
<b>DR</b>	Dead Reckoning
<b>DSC</b>	Digital Selective Calling
<b>ELT</b>	Emergency Locator Transmitter
<b>EMT</b>	Emergency Medical Technician
<b>EPIRB</b>	Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon

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<b>ETA</b>	Estimated Time of Arrival
<b>ETD</b>	Estimated Time of Departure
<b>F/V</b>	Fishing Vessel
<b>FM</b>	Frequency Modulation
<b>GMDSS</b>	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
<b>GPM</b>	Gallons Per Minute
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>HF</b>	High Frequency
<b>I/B</b>	Inboard
<b>I/O</b>	Inboard/Outdrive
<b>ICS</b>	Incident Command System
<b>ICW</b>	Intracoastal Waterway
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization
<b>INMARSAT</b>	International Monitoring Satellite Organization
<b>KHz</b>	Kilohertz
<b>Kn or Kt</b>	Knot (Nautical Mile Per Hour)
<b>Lat</b>	Latitude
<b>LKP</b>	Last Known Position
<b>LNB</b>	Large Navigation Buoy
<b>Lon or Long</b>	Longitude
<b>LOP</b>	Line of Position
<b>m</b>	Meter
<b>M</b>	Magnetic Course
<b>M/V</b>	Merchant Vessel
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Medical Evacuation
<b>MF</b>	Medium Frequency
<b>MHz</b>	Megahertz

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<b>MLB</b>	Motor Lifeboat
<b>NM</b>	Nautical Mile
<b>NOS</b>	National Ocean Service
<b>NVG</b>	Night Vision Goggles
<b>O/B</b>	Outboard
<b>OIC</b>	Officer-In-Charge; also OINC
<b>OOD</b>	Officer of the Deck (Day)
<b>OPAREA</b>	Operating Area
<b>OSC</b>	On-Scene Commander
<b>P/C</b>	Pleasure Craft
<b>PFD</b>	Personal Flotation Device
<b>PIW</b>	Person In Water
<b>PML</b>	Personnel Marker Light
<b>POB</b>	Persons On Board
<b>POD</b>	Probability of detection
<b>POS</b>	Probability of success
<b>PS</b>	Parallel Sweep Search
<b>PSI</b>	Pounds per Square Inch
<b>RACON</b>	Radar Beacon
<b>RCC</b>	Rescue Coordination Center
<b>RHIB</b>	Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat
<b>RPM</b>	Revolution Per Minute
<b>RSC</b>	Rescue Sub-Center
<b>S/S</b>	Steam Ship
<b>S/V</b>	Sailing Vessel
<b>SAR</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>SARSAT</b>	Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking
<b>SITREP</b>	Situation Report

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<b>SMC</b>	Search And Rescue Mission Coordinator
<b>SOA</b>	Speed of Advance
<b>SRB</b>	Surf Rescue Boat (Coast Guard)
<b>SRU</b>	Search and Rescue Unit
<b>SS</b>	Expanding Square Search
<b>T</b>	True Course
<b>TS</b>	Track Line Search or Trach Spacing
<b>UHF</b>	Ultra High Frequency
<b>UMIB</b>	Urgent Marine Information Broadcast
<b>USWMS</b>	Uniform State Waterway Marking System
<b>UTB</b>	Utility Boat (Coast Guard)
<b>UTC</b>	Universal Time Coordinated
<b>VHF</b>	Very High Frequency
<b>VS</b>	Sector Search
<b>W</b>	Sweep Width

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